

REMARKS

Claims 2-41, 44-49, 52, and 58-73 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 42, 43, 50, 51, and 53-57 are pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in subsequent continuing applications.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone call describing the status of this case. The request for continued examination of record, filed Oct. 31, 2007, and Applicants' information disclosure statements await examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

As identified in the last office action, the pending claims have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 42, 43, 50, 51, and 53-57 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1712 (Atty. Docket No. 2003B043D), for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely.

Respectfully submitted,

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